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Charlie's Chatter

Whew! My brain is on overload. Two sessions at VEMA to prepare for, a workshop on copyright in Portsmouth, 2 workshops on the Linking Libraries initiative upcoming in Suffolk and Norfolk, and a meeting with the NCLB consortium project managers have kept me busy this week.

But, I can't wait! I love to sail out of my office and have the chance to work with each of you. As many of you know, last January our office moved from the 18th floor to the service level of the building. The temporary quarters were to last only a couple of months and yet here we are in November, still awaiting our new spaces.

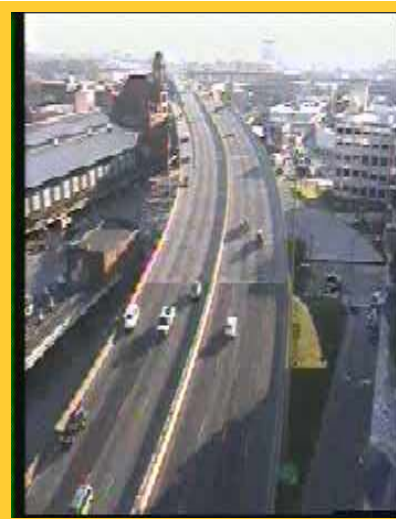
One of the things that I have missed the most is the view of the outside world. If you ever visited me, you will remember that my office overlooked historic Churchill and the James River. We have no windows and have to walk a bit to find a window/door to see the outside world. But being flexible, we have learned to go to the web sites that have the traffic cameras overlooking the Interstate to learn what the weather is doing. (<http://www.trafficland.com/findacam/trafficvideo.php?uid=0&map=5>) We lose track of the outside world.

As librarians, it is easy to spend the entire day inside the four walls of our libraries and to become so wrapped up in our daily routines and classes that we are

unaware of the rest of the school and its hustle and bustle.

Try to make a point to get out to the classrooms, walk outside to the hallways during class changes, walk across the cafeteria and greet the students as they move from place to place. Put on a smile and recruit some sailing companions!

The view from the top of the Monroe building facing South bound I-95 at 4:00 p. m.



<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Technology/OET/library.shtml>

And the winner is.....Debbie Goforth

Press release from Spotsylvania Public Schools October 22, 2005...



Deborah Goforth, library media specialist at Courtland Elementary School in Spotsylvania County, has been named

Virginia's 2006 Teacher of the Year. She was cho-

sen from eight state

regional finalists at a special banquet and recognition ceremony held in Richmond and sponsored by the Department of Education.

Mrs. Goforth, an educator for twenty-eight years, has taught elementary school in Tennessee and North Carolina before becoming a library media specialist in Virginia. She earned her B.S. in Early Education K-4, Middle Education 4-8, and Library Science K-12 from Tennessee Technological University. She also holds a M.A. from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She was a finalist in 1998 for the GEICO Excellence in Education Award. Mrs. Goforth believes that "the life-changing lessons that will be remembered by my students include the academic ones and beyond. I help them work through their disappointments and I encourage them to enthusiastically approach their tomorrows." Mrs. Goforth feels her greatest sense of accomplishment comes in seeing her former students walk confidently into an every-changing world knowing they have embraced their places in the legacy of learning.

Several representatives from the school division were in attendance at the banquet including Dr. Martin Wilder, School Board Chairman, Dr. Jerry Hill, Superintendent, Dr. Edlow Barker, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, and Sherri Steele, Principal of Courtland Elementary School. "Spotsylvania County Schools is elated that the state has recognized Debi Goforth for her outstanding contributions to education," says Martin Wilder. "It highlights the fact that Mrs. Goforth has done an exceptional job in reaching out to students. All of Spotsylvania County is exceedingly proud of the wonderful work she has done in making a difference in the lives of countless students in our division."

"Great teachers not only inspire their students, but also invest in them," Superintendent Hill said. "Mrs. Goforth has made that investment in her students by going the extra mile to help them succeed. Through her well-deserved recognition, she reminds us that great schools start with highly motivated, highly qualified teachers."

Mrs. Goforth will participate in the national teacher of the year program that is sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and Scholastic, Inc. Candidates for the Virginia Teacher of the Year award were first nominated by their school divisions. Regional finalists were selected by a panel composed of representatives from various state education professional organizations representing teachers, superintendents, school boards, parents, institutions of higher education, principals, and the 2005 Teacher of the Year.

Debi Goforth will serve as an ambassador for public education throughout the school year.

Spotlight on Computer Technology SOL for Grades K-12

The computer technology SOL has incorporated objectives dealing with social, ethical and societal issues with the use of technology. Here are some web sites that may be of value as you incorporate these skills into instruction. You may wish to share the information with the instructional technology resource teacher in your building.

- CERIAS - Lesson Pl.. http://www.cerias.purdue.edu/education/k-12/teaching_resources/lessons_presentations/
- CNNfyi.com - Lesso.. <http://cnnstudentnews.cnn.com/2001/fyi/lesson.plans/02/21/napster.proposal/>
- Copyright http://www.aea2.k12.ia.us/Tutorials/Copyright/Copyright_.html#photo
- Copyright Law & Gr.. <http://www.umi.com/hp/Support/DServices/copyright/AppxA.html>
- Copyright Manageme.. <http://www.iupui.edu/~copyinfo/>
- Copyright Manageme.. <http://www.copyright.iupui.edu/quickguide.htm>
- CyberSmart! : Less.. http://www.cybersmartcurriculum.org/lesson_plans/68_09.asp
- CyberSmart! : Less.. http://www.cybersmartcurriculum.org/lesson_plans/45_08.asp
- Define the line <http://www.bsa.org/usa/events/>
- Discovery School's.. <http://school.discovery.com/clipart/index.html>
- Federal Trade Comm.. <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/infosecurity/forkids.html>
- Fifer.Net_ <http://www.fifer.net/copyright/>
- Multimedia Fair Us.. <http://www.utsystem.edu/OGC/IntellectualProperty/ccmcguid.htm>
- National CyberEduc.. <http://law.richmond.edu/ipi/cybered/default.htm>
- NewsHour Extra: Di.. <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/teachers/lessonplans/socialstudies/downloading.html>
- Performance <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dltcl/lbstat/coplicen.html>
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- techLEARNING.com |.. <http://www.techlearning.com/search/resultsw.jhtml;isesessionid=3CFH5RKMRK5CUQSNDBCCKHQ?queryText=copyright>
- The NetSmartz Work.. <http://www.netsmartz.org/index.htm>
- University of Dela.. <http://www.lib.udel.edu/ud/spec/findaids/doddmea1.htm>



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We can not control the wind, but we can adjust the sails.

Why Adjust the Sails?

Create this day

What kind of day will this day be? It will be whatever you create it to be.

For when this day is over, what will matter most is not the assortment of events and conditions it brought to you. What will truly matter is what you have done with it all.

Rather than complaining about or making judgments about the negative energy coming your way, you can refocus that energy in a positive direction. With the minutes and hours, circumstances and events serving as raw material, you can create a day that's very much of your own choosing.

As you sail across life's ocean, you cannot control which way the wind is blowing. Yet you can adjust your sails so that you'll move precisely in the direction you have chosen.

As you go through this day, you cannot control the thoughts, words and actions of others. Yet you can adjust your own attitude, responses and actions to create a perfectly wonderful, effective and fulfilling day out of whatever the world hands you.

Just as surely as you can create a thought in your mind, you can create this day in the way you choose. So choose right now, and in every moment, to create the best day yet.

-- Ralph Marston

<http://www.greatday.com/motivate/>

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My thanks to Barbara Halvorson of Frederick County for sharing this with us.